delineated investment region having an area of about 250 sq. kms. (with at least 40% area earmarked for processing activities). This region would be a combination of production projects, public utilities, logistics, environmental protection, residential areas and administrative services. The purpose is to encourage global scale investment in petroleum, chemical and petrochemical sectors to accelerate economic growth. The Central Government will consider and approve applications from the State Governments for establishment of PCPIRs in terms of this policy and also facilitate availability of external physical infrastructure linkages including rail, road, ports, and airports. Similarly, the State Government, applying for a PCPIR, will ensure that all physical infrastructure and utilities linkages under its jurisdiction are provided. Applications received from interested State Governments for setting up PCPIRs are to be considered in terms of the PCPIR Policy. The following four proposals have been received for hosting PCPIRs:

(i) Proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for hosting a PCPIR at Vishakhapattnam-Kakinada-Rajamundry within the Vishakhapattnam and East Godavari Districts.

(ii) Proposal from the Government of Karnataka for hosting a PCPIR within the coastal districts of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi of Karnataka.

(iii) Proposal from the Government of Gujarat for hosting a PCPIR at Dahej spread over the blocks of Vagra and Bharuch of South Gujarat.

(iv) Proposal from the Government of West Bengal for hosting a PCPIR at Haldia spread over the Haldia Municipal Corporation and Nayachar islands in Purba Medinipur.

Policy to set up PCPIRs

1197. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched the Integrated Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Regions (PCPIRs) Policy which aimed at developing the country as a hub for both domestic and international markets for these sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the PCPIR is likely to come up; and

(d) how much amount Government is likely to get as an investment per PCPIR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (c) The Cabinet has recently approved the Policy for setting up of Petroleum, Chemical and Petrochemical Investment Regions (PCPIRs), and the same has been published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary, Part I, Section 1 dated 4th April, 2007) and is also placed on the website of the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals *viz. www. chemicals.nic.in.* The PCPIR is a specifically-delineated investment region having an area of about 250 sq. kms. (with at least 40% area earmarked for processing activities). This region would be a combination of production projects, public utilities logistics, environmental protection, residential areas and aministrative services. The purpose is to encourage global scale investment in petroleum, chemical and petrochemical sectors to accelerate economic growth. The Central Government will consider and approve applications from the State

Governments for establishment of PCPIRs in terms of this policy and also facilitate availability of external physical infrastructure linkages including rail, road, ports, and airports. Similarly, the State Government, applying for a PCPIR, will ensure that all physial infrastructure and utilities linkages under its jurisdiction are provided. Applications received from interested State Governments for setting up PCPIRs are to be considered in terms of the PCPIR Policy. No time-frame can be fixed for coming up of PCPIRs.

(d) The investment requirements of a PCPIR will depend on its location and other factors which will include the availability of existing infrastructure and the project proposal, which will be worked out in consultation with various concerned departments of the GOI. Exact quantification of investment would depend on the proposed specific details.

Subsidized fertilizers to farmers

1198. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers are getting fertilizers at subsidized rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of funds allocated for this purpose; and

(d) the details of subsidy allocated to fertilizer sector during the current year and the details of the benefits to the farmers in each State of the country from the present fertilizer subsidy proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) The Union Government is administering a subsidy scheme on sale of various chemical fertilizer *viz.* urea, DAP, MOP, 11 grades of complex fertilizers and SSP. These subsidized fertiliers are provided to farmers at a notified maximum retail price which is much lower than the actual delivered cost of these fertilizers at farmgate level. The maximum retail price of fertilizers notified by Government is as under:

(Rupees per MT)

Product	From 12.03.03 till date
Urea	4830
Ind. DAP	9350
Imp. DAP	9350
MOP	4455
16:20:00	7100
20:20:00	7280
23:23:00	8000
28:28:00	9080
10:26:26	8360
12:32:16	8480
14:28:14	8300
14:35:14	8660
15:15:15	6980
17:17:17	8100
19:19:19	8300